(a) whether it is a fact that rice crop in East Asia is being damaged by an insect known as the Brown Plant Hopper, which is multiplying by the billions and chewing rice paddy thus threatening diets of poor people;

(b) whether Government has examined the possibility of the insect reaching India and damaging the rice crops in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to address the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Brown Plant Hopper is an insect pest of paddy in the rice growing countries of East Asia. As per survey reports received from State Departments of Agriculture and the Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs), trace to moderate incidence of Brown Plant Hopper has been reported from isolated fields of Kerala State and moderate to severe incidence of Brown Plant Hopper has been reported from Haryana State.

(c) Experts from Government of India have already visited the affected areas in Haryana. Presently, the insect is under control. The Government of India has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the main strategy for plant protection, including paddy crop. Awareness for pest control through IPM approach is spread among the farmers under the scheme "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" through Farmers' Field Schools organized by 31 CIPMs across the country.

Agricultural technology management

†1246. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agricultural Technology Management Agencies Scheme being conducted in the country till date along with places they are being run;

(b) the places proposed to be included under this scheme during the current financial year; and

(c) the State-wise activities performed or proposed to be performed under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Scheme Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA) Programme was launched during 2005-06 and aims at making the extension system farmer-driven and farmer-accountable by way of new institutional arrangement in the form of Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA). ATMA has active participation of farmers, farmer groups, NGOs, KVK, PRIs and other Stakeholders operating at the district level and below. 581 ATMAs have been established till date in 29 States and 2 UTs. The district-wise details are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The scheme is proposed to be extended to all rural districts of the country. The state-wise number of districts proposed to be covered during the current financial year is given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) The extension activities supported under ATMA Programme include Mobilization and Capacity Building of Farmer. Interest Groups, trainings, demonstrations, exposure visits, Exhibitions, Setting-up and Operationalization of Farm schools. The state-wise details of the activities performed under the scheme during 2007-08 are given in the Statement-III (*See* below).

Statement-I

State-wise list of ATMA Districts

S.No.	Name of State	Name of Districts	Nos.
1	2	3	4
1	A.P.	Adilabad, Chittoor, Kurnool, Prakasham, Srikakulam, Krishna, Ananthapur, Kadpa, Nizamabad & Ranga Reddy, Guntur, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Warangal,	18
		Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godawari, West Godawari	4
2	Bihar	Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Bhojpur, Gaya, Katihar, Madhubani, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Purnea, Patna, Rohtas, Saharsa, Saran, Vaishali & West Champaran	15
		Araria, Arwal, Aurangabad, Banka, Buxar, Darbhanga, East Champaran (Motihari), Gopalganj, Jehanabad, Jamui, Kaimur (Bhabhua), Khagaria, Kishanganj, Lakhisarai, Madhepura, Nalanda, Nawada, Samastipur, Sheikhpura, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Siwan, Supaul	23
3	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur, Jagdalpur, Kabirdham, Raigarh, Surguja	5
		Bijapur, Dhamtari, Durg, Janjgir, Jashpur, Korba, Koria, Mahasamund, Narayanpur, North Bastar Kanker, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, South Bastar Dantewada	13
4	Delhi	Delhi	1
5	Goa	Entire Goa as one district	1
6	Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Amreli, Bharuch, Dahod, Jamnagar, Kutch, Sabarkantha, Valsad	8
		Anand, Banaskanta, Bhavnagar, Dangs, Gandhinagar, Junagadh, Kheda, Mehasana, Narmada, Navsari, Panchmahal, Patan, Porbandar, Rajkot, Surat, Surendranagar, Vadodara	17

1	2	3	4
7	Haryana	Hissar, Karnal, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonepat, Ambala, Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Panipat, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Mahendergarh at Narnaul, Mewat at Nuh, Jhajjar, Jind and Bhiwani	20
8	Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Una	7
		Chamba, Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti, Sirmour, Solan	5
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Anantnag, Budgarn, Kargil, Kupwara, Leh, Samba, Kathua, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Ramban & Kishatwar in Jammu Div., Srinagar, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Kulgam, Shopian, Baramulla & Bandipora in Kashmir Division.	19
10	Jharkhand	Chatra, Dumka, Garhwa, Hazaribagh, Jamtara, Palamau, Saraikela, West Singhbhum, Bokaro, Deogarh, Dhanbad, East Singbhum, Giridih, Godda, Gumla, Kodarma, Latehar, Lohardaga, Pakur, Ranchi, Sahibganj, Simdega	22
11	Karnataka	Belgaum, Bidar, Bijapur, Chamarajnagar, Chitadurga, Chikmagalur, Gulbarga, Haveri, Hassan, Koppal, Kolar, Kodagu (Coorg), Shimoga, Chikkaballapur, Bangalore (Urban), Bangalore (Rural), Ramanagaram, Mandya, Mysore, Udupi, D. Kannada, U. Kannada, Tumkur, Davanagere, Gadag, Dharwad, Bellary, Raichur and Bangalkote	29
12	Kerala	Alappuzha, Kasargod, Idukki, Palakkad, Trivanathapuram, Wayanad	6
		Ernakulam, Kannur, Kollam, Kozhikode, Kottayam, Malappuram, Pathanamthitta, Thrissur	8
13	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat, Betul, Chhindwara, Dindori, Gwalior, Hoshangabad, Jhabua, Khargone (West Nimar), Morena, Ratlam, Rewa, Sagar, Shahdol, Tikamgarh, Ujjain	15
		Ashoknagar, Anuppur, Barwani, Bhind, Bhopal, Burhanpur, Chhatarpur, Damoh, Datia, Dewas, Dhar, Guna, Harda, Indore, Jabalpur, Katni, Khandwa, Mandla, Mandsaur, Narsingpur, Neemuch, Panna, Raisen, Rajgarh, Satna, Sehore, Seoni, Shajapur, Sheopur, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Umaria, Vidisha	33
14	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Amravati, Akola, Buldhana, Gadchiroli, Hingoli, Jalna, Kolhapur, Latur, Nandurbar, Pune, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurga, Sangli, Thane, Washim, Wardha, Yavatmal, Raigarh, Beed, Dhule, Bhandara, Jalgaon, Nasik, Gondia, Nanded, Osamanabad, Parbhani, Solapur, Chandrapur, Satara, Nagpur	33

1	2	3	4
15	Orissa	Balasore, Bolangir, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Keonjhar, Kandhamal Khurda, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Naupada, Sambalpur, Sundargarh	13
		Cuttack, Puri, Kalahandi, Bhadrak, Jaipur, Kendrapada, Nayagarh. Paralakhemundi, Rayagada, Nawarangpur, Malkangiri, Sonepur, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Bargarh, Angul, Boudh	17
16	Punjab	Amritsar, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Patiala, Ropar (Rup Nagar), Sangrur, Taran-Taran, Mohali	10
		Barnala, Bhatinda, Fatehgarh Sahib, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, Ludhiana, Mansa, Moga, Muktsar, Nawanshahar	10
17	Rajasthan	Alwar, Ajmer, Banswara, Bhilwara, Baran, Bharatpur, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Hanumangarh, Jaipur, Jalore, Jodhpur, Jhalawar, Karauli, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sriganga Nagar, Sirohi, Sikar, Swaimadhopur, Tonk	22
		Barmer, Bikaner, Bundi, Churu, Dausa, Dholpur, Jaisalmer, Jhunjunu, Kota, Udaipur	10
18	Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri, Erode, Krishnagiri, Pudukottai, Salem, Thoothukudi (Tuticorin), Tirunelveli, Vellore, Virudhunagar, Trichy, Nagapattinam, Sivaganga, Coimbatore, Madurai, Ramnad, Namakkal, Theni, Dindugal, Perambalur, Kanyakumari, Tiruvarur, Villupuram, Kancheepuram, Thanjavur, Thiruvallur, Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Karur	28
19	Uttaranchal	Almora, Chamoli, Champawat, Dehradun, Nainital, Pauri, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarkashi	8
		Bageshwar, Haridwar, Pethoragarh, Rudra Paryag and Tehri	5
20	U.P.	Agra, Allahabad, Aligarh, Auraiya, Barabanki, Bareilly, Baghpat, Basti, Baharaich, Badaun, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Gorakhpur, Gonda, Ghaziabad, Hathras, Jaunpur, Jalaun, Jhansi, Kaushambhi, Kushinagar, Kannauj, Lucknow, Maharajganj, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Mainpuri, Partapgarh, Saharanpur, SantKabir Nagar, Shravasti, Varanasi	32
		Gautambudh Nagar, Etah, Ferozabad, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Hamirpur, Mahoba, Fatehpur, Sultanpur, Balrampur, Deobaria, Unnav, Sitapur, Shahjahanpur, Pilibhit, Muradabad, Jhotibaphule Nagar, Chandosi, Gazipur, Mirzapur, Santravidas Nagar, Ajamgarh, Mau, Balia, Ambedkar Nagar, Bijnor, Lakhimpur Khiri, Buland Sahar, Rampur, Mathura, Raibarelli, Hardoi, Banda, Chitrakoot, Lalitpur, Sonebhadra, Siddharth Nagar, Faizabad, Kaushi Ram Nagar	

1	2	3	4
21	West Bengal	Bankura, Cooch behar, Malda, Murshidabad, Midnapore (East), North 24-Parganast	6
		Darjeeling, Jalaigudi, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Virbhum, Burdwan, Nadia, Hugli, Hawrah, South 24-Parganas, Purulia, West Medinipur	
22	Arunachal Pradesh	East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Lohit, Lower Subansiri, Papumpare, Tirap, West Kameng	7
		Along, Anini, Anjaw, Changlang, Daporijo, Kurung Kumey, Seppa, Tawang, Yingkiong	9
23	Assam	Bongaigaon, Cachar, Darrang, Golaghat, Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Karimganj, Lakhimpur, Morigaon, NC Hills, Sivasagar, Tinsukia	12
24	Manipur	Imphal (E), Imphal (W), Senapati, Thoubal, Bishnupur, Churachandrapur, Chandel, Ukhrul & Tamenglong	9
25	Mizoram	Aizawl, Champhai, Kolasib & Lunglei	4
		Serchhip, Mamit, Lawngtlai and Saiha	4
26	Meghalaya		0
27	Nagaland	Dimapur, Kohima & Mokokchung	3
		Tuensang, Mon, Phek, Zunheboto, Wokha, Kiphire, Longleng, Peren	8
28	Sikkim	East Distt., South Distt	2
		North District, West District	2
29	Tripura	North Tripura-Dharma Nagar, South Tripura-Udaipur, West Tripura & Dalahai	4
30	A & N	Entire A&N as one district	1
31	Pondicherry	Puducherry, Karaikal	2
	TOTAL		581

Note: 14 left out rural districts - (Assam - 4, Meghalaya-7, Lakshadweep- 1, D&N-1, D&D-1).

Statement-II

State-wise number of districts proposed to be covered during the current financial year

Sl. No.	State	Number
1.	Assam	4
2.	Meghalaya	7
3.	Lakshadweep	1
4.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1
5.	Daman & Diu	1
	TOTAL	14

Statement-III

Statewise details of activities performed under the scheme during 2007-08

Farmer oriented activities (2007-08) Updated 22.10.08

S. No.	State	Expo-visit		Training		Demo.		Kisan Melas		Total		FIGs	Farm	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		Mobilize	School
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	14
1	A.P.	1635	552	43032	21413	3126	1659	22035	13554	69828	37178		412	2007
2	Bihar	1034	516	26016	11151	316	108	41892	18056	69258	29831		736	20C
3	Chhattisgarh	1428	596	1561	668	165	75	20016	3342	23170	4681			112
4	Goa	0	0	504	216	0	0	250	150	754	366		0	0
5	Gujarat	1566	1051	3408	1842	5951	1611	20171	21503	6309	26007		813	34
6	Haryana	651	265	2278	547	324	64	6055	370	9308	1246		43	45
7	H.P	760	430	2295	1340	1400	700	11270	7130	15725	9600		297	52
8	Jharkhand	645	207	1428	412	1400	0	1155	385	4628	1004		130	9
9	Karnataka	760	430	2295	1340	8930	2670	11270	7130	23255	11570		61	0
10	M.P.	5800	1326	26654	5741	3781	294	57415	9821	99663	18683		150	575
11	Maharashtra	15932	6025	39162	16814	1863	268	17977	5897	74934	29004		1318	0
12	Orissa	13900	3200	254000	346300	10000	3507	94539	218	372439	353225			12
13	Punjab	4507	703	23682	3644	19871	2954	25261	3701	73321	11002		477	22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	Rajasthan	6138	915	48438	23997	134411	52359	22357	6389	211344	83660	747	96
15	Tamil Nadu	1167	514	6057	2953	10439	4263	30264	29115	47927	36845	357	23
16	Uttaranchal	1524	276	10643	3946	1674	485	9657	4641	23498	9348	98	0
17	U.P.	5808	1922	90993	11519	24623	2027	102217	36412	234842	51880	1598	472
18	W.B	-	-	18080	4520	79151	19788	11201	2434	97232	24308	112	142
19	Assam	65	44	504	216	0	0	0	0	569	260		12
20	Arunachal Pd	0	0								28		
21	Manipur	379	199	568	294	102	56	180	68	1229	617	130	0
22	Mizoram	47	7	206	160	374	150	3713	1655	4340	1972	152	0
23	Nagaland	248	155	3240	9680	750	1000	1383	1354	5621	12189	45	30
24	A & N	100	20	1120	240	0	60	1590	685	2810	1005	10	0
25	Sikkim	0	0	15	84	340	60	1590	685	1945	829	5	14
26	J & K			25				25		50	0		0
27	Kerala	1041	510	502	234								0
28	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	0
TOTAL	2007-08	64094	19353	606204	469037	308991	94158	513483	174695	1473999	757243	7845	2085

M= Number of male farmers, F= Number of female farmers.